

ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

Please remember the following :

† Fr. Pat Taylor, Trevor York-Starkey, Nancy Cuffe, Thomas James Hatch, George Ranger, Frederick Bradley, Robert Wicks, Stella Yuille, Catherine Woods, Bridget Du Boisson, Terry Murphy, Adalmair Gabrielli De Amorim, Tony Brown, Joan Clarke, Peter Grant, Joan Skipper, Leslie Skingle, Hannah Hance, Vicky Cutter, Frank Miller, Mary Regan, Mary Cole, Joan Baron, Paul Duddy, Tom Finigan, Lilian Fenwick, Vera Sheehan, Jean Jagelman, Norman Reid, Angelina Vidler, Curtis Sweet, William Raycraft, Alex Jarno, Mary Browne, Robert Wheatley, Michael Kelly, Catherine Doherty, Kathleen Wallen, Cornelius Kelliher, Julia Kalogerides, Bridget Tobin, Bill Cooke, Frank Smith, Suhaila Mana, Philomena O'Sullivan, Bridie Priestley, Rob Duggan, Jim Murphy. †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm

Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

To arrange visits to the sick and housebound please contact Sharon in the office.

New to the Parish? Please go to our website and fill in your details and Fr Brett will contact you in due course.

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Those who receive Holy Communion at home:

Jo Williams, Eileen Barber, Tom Costello, Eileen Glyde, Roland de Cruz, Patricia Connolly, Neil O'Boyle, Michael Ryan, June Dillon, Carmel Collis, Rudolf Seneca, Kate Baron, Jack Pollock. Margaret Yorke-Starkey.
Other friends and family in our prayers: Robert Walliker, Sonia Curtis, Julie Stubbs, Colin Bennett, Janet Bernard, Eileen Malone, Margaret Button, Eileen Wilson, Theo Kalogerides, Maureen Woodcock, Rosie Stubbs, Mark Whitton, Shirley Essex, Emma Tredgett, Elisa Roffey, Anthony Betts, Gary Perez, Karel O'Rourke, Doug Woulds, Monica McGrath, Michael Tobin, Marion Storey, Alison Gleave, Joan Butcher, Jackie and Ron Gravestock, Lesley Sullivan, Liam Bryan, Don Cannon, Steve Magee, Cath Wilks, Brigid Hogan, Gabriella Magee, Lorna Smith, Sylvia Asuquo, Michelle Oatham, Yvonne Byford, James Corr, Hilary Bliss, Paul Herbert, Joan O'Connor, Alan Essex, Glenda Rhodes, Esmé Kelly, Phyllis Green, Dexter and Claire Stubbs, Arthur Partington, John Morton, Tom Grain, Rita Docherty, Alan Parker, Tony Hatch, Margaret Everett, Paolo Angeletti, Charlotte Alexander.

Parish Administrator: Sharon Chambers

Office Hours - Mon 8.30am - 5pm; Tues

8.30am - 3pm; Thurs - 8.30am-5.30pm;

Fri 8.30am - 3pm.

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The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs



Twinned with Mpuluzi, South Africa

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

FAITH IN FOCUS: NOTHING SPECIAL HERE



There's a famous Latin phrase, attributed to Tacitus the Elder, that says "Omne ignotum pro magnifico". When roughly translated it means "Things we don't understand seem wonderful".

People are always impressed by things that are a bit exotic. They presume a French burger van is going to serve better food than a British one. They imagine even a one-legged ballerina will perform excellently just because she is Russian. They are convinced that since a Scandinavian scientist has a theory on black pudding being good for gout then it must be correct. And they are prepared to spend a fortune on a holiday to Burma on the assumption that it's bound to be better than Bognor.

We are easily impressed by out-of-the-ordinary things. We find them somehow more glamorous than what's on our doorstep or what's easy to understand. This is illustrated in today's gospel when Jesus returned to his home town and to the people that knew him. Despite his reputation and regardless of the fact that he's just performed a series of miracles his neighbours reject him. Why? Because we know who he is; he's Mary and Joseph's son. Nothing special. Nothing to start crowing about.

It's easy for us to sit in judgement on the people of Nazareth and accuse them of blindness and stupidity. But we can be as guilty as they are. We can fail to see what's good on our doorstep. We can fail to see the wood for the trees.

God uses people and situations of ordinary daily life to speak to us. Most of us will never be visited by an angel with a special message. But we will meet all sorts of people and situations week in and week out that are shouting the message of the gospel to us. These people may be our neighbours; they may be (and often are) people we don't like or find it hard to accept and get on with. But they're still the mouthpieces that God uses to announce his never-ending call. There are no people or places that we can write off.

So, how open are we to all the sights and sounds around us? God's voice is bound to be in one or other of them. Why not let yourself be surprised?



7th JULY - 15th JULY 2018

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - Sea Sunday

Saturday 7th	6.00pm	Norman Sach RIP - Birthday and 60th Wedding Anniversary Intentions (Pat Sach) and Seamus (Jim) Murphy RIP - 1st Anniv. (Pete Murphy and Family)
Sunday 8th	8.45am*	14th Sunday of the Year Suhaila Manna RIP (Ted Brown)
	10.45am	Joan Kent (Hatch and Kent Families) and For All Parishioners
Monday 9th	9.15am	Feria Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 10th	9.15am*	Feria Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 11th	11.30am	St. Benedict Eucharistic Service
Thursday 12th	9.15am	Feria Eucharistic Service
Friday 13th	11.00am*	Feria Requiem Mass for Arthur Browne RIP
Saturday 14th	6.00pm	John and Hanna Manna RIP (Manna Family)
Sunday 15th	8.45am*	Fifteenth Sunday of the Year For All Parishioners
	10.45am	Robert Wheatley RIP (Johanna)

*At St. Gregory's, Thorpe Bay

Confessions at St. George's—Saturday 5pm to 5.45pm. Other times may be available upon request.

Morning Prayer will begin at 9am, followed by Mass at 9.15am, on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Adoration is on Friday mornings following the Mass. Benediction will take place at 11.45am.

THE ST. JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

Taking place at Aldham Essex. This is an activities camp with a Catholic ethos that runs as follows :-

- Week One Saturday 21st July to 28th July 2018 for Boys
- Week Two Saturday 28th July to 4th August 2018 for Boys
- Week Three Saturday 4th August to 11th August 2018 for Girls

It is for children aged 8 to 13 and costs £145 per week. Should you require an application form or more information then please look on the website <http://>

svpboscocamp.org.uk For any enquiries then please email the boys camp : boysbookings@boscocamp.co.uk or the girls camp: -

girlsbookings@boscocamp.co.uk
More information can be found on the poster at the back of the church.

CALAIS LIGHT

Ever felt you'd like to help destitute migrants in Calais but not known where to start? We run regular weekend car convoys from Brentwood Cathedral to chop veg and sort Refugee donations at the amazing Help Refugees UK Warehouse in Calais. Never mind the reasons WHY migrants are in Calais -the fact is they are there now - without resources, hungry, struggling. We feel strongly that part of our Christian mission is to support them one way or another. Please think about this and volunteer with us. If you can't, please donate with compassion at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/calaislight. Next Trip 28th-30th Sept. Sign up to volunteer on our Facebook page 'Calais Light', email us at:- calaislight@yahoo.com or check out the Brentwood Cathedral Website.

A FINAL THOUGHT...

There is no such thing as a lack of faith. We all have plenty of faith; it's just that we have faith in the wrong things. We have faith in what can't be done rather than what can be done. We have faith in lack rather than abundance; but there is no lack of faith. Faith is a law. (Eric Butterworth)

CATHOLIC SCHOOL GOVERNORS

We are looking to identify new Foundation Governors and Directors for our Catholic schools and academies across the Diocese of Brentwood. We are seeking expressions of interests from practising committed Catholics for this role and ministry. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole.

The Governors of a Catholic school work as a team, in close co-operation with the headteacher and all the staff. Foundation Governors share the responsibilities of all governors:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

If you are interested and want to be considered please send a CV to sophierussell@dioceseofbrentwood.org

SUMMER LOURDES 2018 – the “virtual pilgrimage.”

From Tuesday 24th to Saturday 29th July the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) will present short online videos allowing you to catch the flavour of the Diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan. The homily from each Mass, interviews with pilgrims from all ages, and clips to help you pray and reflect will all be available. To find the links, go to www.bcys.net or find BCYS on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram. You can also watch “Lourdes TV” to see Mass at the Grotto (Tuesday 24th, 7.30am UK time); the Torchlight procession (Tuesday 24th, 8.00pm) and the Blessed Sacrament Procession (Wednesday 25th, 4.00pm) as well as Tour de France, starting from Lourdes (Friday 27th, 8am – 11am). The link is www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend our Family Group will be providing the refreshments. Please come along after the 10.45am Mass to enjoy tea, coffee and cakes, and see friends, old and new!



The next few Coffee Mornings are as follows: -

15th July - Fair Havens

22nd July - SPUC

29th July - St. John Bosco Camp

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you.

To donate online please visit: - www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

SPUC COFFEE MORNING

Denise Filmer will be holding the annual Coffee Morning in aid of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children on the 22nd July. Any donations of cakes, raffle prizes or help on the day for this coffee morning will be very gratefully received. Thank you.



MEDITATIVE ROSARY

The Rosary Group meet every Tuesday in St. George's Church at 7.30pm. Please come and join us.

JOHN WILKS RIP

John and Cath Wilks were staunch members of our parish community for fifty years or so, until they left here three years ago to move to Wales. Sadly John passed away last week after being unwell for several months. Cath and family are coming back to St. George's to celebrate a Memorial Mass for John on Monday 16th July at 11am. They are looking forward to seeing many familiar faces. Please do come along to support them if you can.

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for: - Corned Beef, Ham, Spam etc for sandwiches; and meals in tins such as Curries, Hotpots etc. and also any fruit squashes

Also, thanks to your amazing generosity, we have enough tea bags to open our own Tea Shop!! Can we ask that you don't donate any more tea bags for the time being please until the Service Users have drunk their way through the majority of them. Thank you so much to everyone who has helped us with our requests.

COFFEE MORNING FOR ACROSS

Thanks to everyone who supported or helped at the Coffee Morning last weekend. £100 was raised towards the next Lourdes pilgrimage.

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £836.89 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. The retiring collection for Peter's Pence amounted to £321.09 excluding Gift Aid. Many thanks to you all for your generosity.

FUNERAL NEWS

There are several funerals taking place over the next week or so, which will replace the morning Masses: -

Friday 13th July, 11am at St. Gregory's - Requiem Mass for Arthur Browne.

Monday 16th July, 11am at St. George's - Memorial Mass for John Wilks.

Friday 20th July, 11am at St. Gregory's - Memorial Mass for Christine Leaver.

Please remember Arthur, John, Christine and their families and friends in your prayers.

Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy.

(Eskimo Proverb)

GRATEFUL THANKS!

We had some very generous donations for the Summer Fayre from the following organisations: - Cliffs Pavilion, the Roslin Hotel and the Stockvale Group (Adventure Island/Sea Life Centre). Thank you so much to you all.

FR. BRETT

As mentioned last weekend, Fr Brett is on Retreat and out of contact until Friday 13th July.

Thanks very much to Fr. Basil Pearson for supplying for us this weekend. It is always a pleasure to have him here.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE NEWS

One of the people that we have been sending cards to every year, Christian human rights lawyer Nguyen Van Dai, and his assistant Le Thu Ha, were released into exile on the 7th June after two and a half years in prison.

Mr Dai has spent his career speaking up boldly for victims of human rights abuses, including religious minorities, across Vietnam. As a result, he has been repeatedly harassed and attacked and had previously served four years in prison.

CSW (Christian Solidarity Worldwide) has campaigned on his case in every advocacy meeting, UN submission, and dialogue briefing on Vietnam since his arrest.

So many of you have stood with him through letter writing, campaigning and prayer. Thank you so much.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK

Celebrate the "official opening" of Walsingham House at Abbotswick (Navestock Side, Near Brentwood, CM14 5SH), Saturday 1st September. Grounds open 11am; Mass with Bishop Alan at 12noon. Throughout the afternoon there will be live music and bouncy castles. You are welcome to bring a picnic; Barbecued food, Cream teas and ice creams will also be on sale. Celebrate the refurbishment of Walsingham House at Abbotswick, the prayer, peace and space that is here, and the youth ministry that welcomes 5,000 young people through the doors of the house every year.

More information www.bcys.net/WHAbbotswick and on the www.bcys.net events page.

ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL - OPEN EVENING

Taking place on Thursday 12th July, from 6pm to 9pm, for families who have a son due to transfer to secondary school in September 2019. . The Head Teacher's talk will begin at 7pm. For more information, please visit www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk